

H.R. 430. An act to designate the United States bankruptcy courthouse located at 271 Cadman Plaza East in Brooklyn, New York, as the "Conrad B. Duberstein United States Bankruptcy Courthouse".

H.R. 478. An act to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 101 Barr Street in Lexington, Kentucky, as the "Scott Reed Federal Building and United States Courthouse".

H.R. 1003. An act to amend the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 to reauthorize the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy.

H.R. 1045. An act to designate the Federal building located at 210 Walnut Street in Des Moines, Iowa, as the "Neal Smith Federal Building".

The message also announced that pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 2081, the minority leader appoints the following Member of the House of Representatives to the United States Capitol Preservation Commission: Mr. WAMP of Tennessee.

The message further announced that pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 2081, and the order of the House of January 4, 2007, the Speaker appoints the following Members of the House of Representatives to the United States Capitol Preservation Commission: Mr. OBEY of Wisconsin and Ms. KAPTUR of Ohio.

#### MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 429. An act to designate the United States courthouse located at 225 Cadman Plaza East, Brooklyn, New York, as the "Hugh L. Carey United States Courthouse"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

H.R. 430. To designate the United States bankruptcy courthouse located at 271 Cadman Plaza East in Brooklyn, New York, as the "Conrad B. Duberstein United States Bankruptcy Courthouse"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

H.R. 478. An act to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 101 Barr Street in Lexington, Kentucky, as the "Scott Reed Federal Building and United States Courthouse"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

H.R. 1045. An act to designate the Federal building located at 210 Walnut Street in Des Moines, Iowa, as the "Neal Smith Federal Building"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

The following bill was read, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 399. An act to designate the United States Courthouse to be constructed in Jackson, Mississippi, as the "R. Jess Brown United States Courthouse"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

#### MEASURES DISCHARGED

The following measure was discharged from the Committee on the Judiciary, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 399. An act to designate the United States Courthouse to be constructed in Jackson, Mississippi, as the "R. Jess Brown United States Courthouse"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

#### MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 710. To amend the National Organ Transplant Act to provide that criminal penalties do not apply to paired donations of human kidneys, and for other purposes.

#### PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-17. A resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Florida relative to urging the Senate to fulfill the requests of the 2005 BRAC Commission by restoring federal funds for military construction; to the Committee on Armed Services.

#### HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 6008

Whereas, Kansas communities, state officials and the members of the Kansas Congressional Delegation worked hard and the results of the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Commission recommendations were the best news for Kansas in years; and

Whereas, these recommendations are resulting in significant increases in personnel and the missions assigned to Fort Riley, Fort Leavenworth, Forbes Air Force Base and McConnell Air Force Base in Kansas; and

Whereas, the military commands, the troops and their families coming to work on those missions are facing a situation with much of the funding support originally contained in the Federal Continuing Resolution, and many of the key projects in Kansas, now at risk; and

Whereas, the Federal Continuing Resolution adopted by the United States House of Representatives currently provides less than half of the request for the 2005 BRAC Commission and is more than \$3 Billion short of the amount agreed upon in the FY 2007 Defense Authorization Bill; and

Whereas, Kansas Governor Kathleen Sebelius' Military Council voted on February 7, 2007, to support efforts to restore vital federal military construction funding for Fort Riley, Fort Leavenworth, Forbes Air Force Base and McConnell Air Force Base at this time when these military posts are getting new missions; and

Whereas, projects that are potentially at risk at Fort Riley include a Combat Aviation Brigade complex, which would provide additional housing for troops, headquarters and operations buildings and facilities, hanger expansion and a crash rescue fire station (\$152 Million); essential Runway Improvements (\$17 Million); Division Headquarters and Sustainment Brigade Headquarters buildings and facilities (\$87 Million); a state-of-the-art Battle Command Training Center (\$27 Million); and a Health and Dental Clinic (\$17.5 Million) and a Child Development Center (\$5.7 Million) to serve the thousands of troops and their families moving to Fort Riley; and

Whereas, the project for the Joint Regional Corrections Facility (\$68-\$95 Million) at Fort Leavenworth is also at risk; and

Whereas, the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas considers the federal funding requested for Fort Riley, Fort Leavenworth, Forbes Air Force Base and McConnell Air Force Base, based on the recommendations of the 2005 BRAC Commission, to be crucially important to the United States of America, as well as to the State of Kansas: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas:* That the House of Representatives of the Legislature of the State of Kansas strongly urges the United States Senate to fulfill the requests of the 2005 BRAC Commission and the United States Military by restoring federal funds for military construction in the Federal Continuing Resolution to the funding levels agreed upon in the FY 2007 Defense Authorization Bill: and be it further

*Resolved:* That the Secretary of State is directed to send enrolled copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and to each member of the Kansas Congressional Delegation.

POM-18. A resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Florida relative to urging Congress to support a National Catastrophe Insurance Program; to the Committee on Finance.

#### HOUSE MEMORIAL

Whereas, during the 2004 and 2005 hurricane seasons, the State of Florida was devastated by eight hurricanes and four tropical storms, causing approximately \$36 billion in estimated gross probable insurance losses, and

Whereas, the hurricanes from the 2004 and 2005 hurricane seasons have produced high winds, coastal storm surges, torrential rainfalls, and flooding resulting in significant damage to Florida and the Gulf Coast states, which has resulted in displacement of policyholders from their dwellings, loss of personal belongings and contents, closing of businesses and financial institutions, and temporary loss of employment and has created numerous health and safety issues within our local communities, and

Whereas, the losses caused by the 2004 and 2005 hurricane seasons have led to dramatic and economically painful increases in property insurance premiums for Florida's citizens and businesses, forcing many to consider relocating outside the state, and

Whereas, in 1992, Hurricane Andrew resulted in approximately \$20.8 billion in insured losses and was previously the costliest catastrophe in the United States, but Hurricane Katrina alone left the Gulf Coast states with an estimated loss of approximately \$35 billion, and

Whereas, natural disasters continually threaten communities across the United States with extreme weather conditions that pose an immediate danger to the lives, property, and security of the residents of those communities, and

Whereas, the insurance industry, state officials, and consumer groups have been striving to develop solutions to insure mega-catastrophic risks, because hurricanes, earthquakes, tornadoes, typhoons, floods, wildfires, ice storms, and other natural catastrophes continue to affect policyholders across the United States, and

Whereas, on November 16 and 17, 2005, insurance commissioners from Florida, California, Illinois, and New York convened a summit to devise a national catastrophe insurance plan which would more effectively spread insurance risks and help mitigate the tremendous financial damage survivors contend with following such catastrophes: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Florida:*

(1) That the Legislature urges the Congress of the United States to support a National Catastrophe Insurance Program. Policyholders require a rational insurance mechanism for responding to the economic losses

resulting from catastrophic events. The risk of catastrophes must be addressed through a public-private partnership involving individuals, private industry, local and state governments, and the Federal Government. A national catastrophe insurance program is necessary to promote personal responsibility among policyholders; support strong building codes, development plans, and other mitigation tools; maximize the risk-bearing capacity of the private markets; and provide quantifiable risk management through the Federal Government. The program should encompass:

(a) Providing consumers with a private market residential insurance program that provides all-perils protection.

(b) Promoting personal responsibility through mitigation; promoting the retrofitting of existing housing stock; providing individuals with the ability to manage their own disaster savings accounts that, similar to health savings accounts, accumulate on a tax-advantaged basis for the purpose of paying for mitigation enhancements and catastrophic losses; and providing personal income tax deductions for mitigation expenses.

(c) Creating tax-deferred insurance company catastrophe reserves to benefit policyholders. These tax-deferred reserves would build up over time and only be eligible to be used to pay for future catastrophic losses.

(d) Enhancing local and state government's role in establishing and maintaining effective building codes, mitigation education, and land use management; promoting state emergency management, preparedness, and response; and creating state or multistate regional catastrophic risk financing mechanisms such as the Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund.

(e) Creating a national catastrophe financing mechanism that would provide a quantifiable level of risk management and financing for mega-catastrophes; maximizing the risk-bearing capacity of the private markets; and allowing for aggregate risk pooling of natural disasters funded through sound risk-based premiums paid in correct proportion by all policyholders in the United States.

(2) That the Legislature urges the Congress to participate in a federal/state issues summit in this state to discuss and develop policy positions on current and emerging issues of state importance that are likely to be considered by Congress to build better working relationships in order to mutually accomplish goals of benefit to Floridians.

(3) That the Legislature urges Congress to provide federal tax exemptions for:

(a) Catastrophe premium equalization deductions charged and held by the state in a segregated account for the benefit of insurers for use in the event of a catastrophe.

(b) The Florida Property and Casualty Joint Underwriting Association.

(4) That the Legislature urges Congress to provide a federal income tax deduction for residential property insurance premiums paid by consumers to offset the dramatic cost of property insurance.

(5) That the Legislature urges Congress to support the National Hurricane Research Initiative, which is intended to foster a better understanding of hurricane prediction, intensity, and mitigation on coastal populations, infrastructure, and the natural environment.

*Be it further resolved,* That copies of this memorial be dispatched to the President of the United States, to the President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and to each member of the Florida delegation to the United States Congress.

POM-19. A resolution adopted by the Miami-Dade County Board of County Com-

missioners relative to urging the Legislature of the State of Florida, the Florida Office of Insurance Regulation, and the Citizens Property Insurance Corporation to develop and implement rating systems for homeowners insurance; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

POM-20. A resolution adopted by the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners relative to urging the Legislature of the State of Florida to prohibit the use of cellular telephones while driving in a school zone at times when reduced speeds are in effect; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

POM-21. A resolution adopted by the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners relative to urging the Legislature of the State of Florida to pass legislation providing a sales tax rebate or similar benefit related to the construction of a public-owned stadium for a Major League Baseball franchise; to the Committee on Finance.

POM-22. A resolution adopted by the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners relative to urging the Legislature of the State of Florida to acknowledge the crisis that now exists related to Florida jails and mentally ill inmates; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

POM-23. A resolution adopted by the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners relative to urging Congress and the Legislature of the State of Florida to add crimes against the homeless to existing hate crimes statutes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

POM-24. A resolution adopted by the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners relative to urging Congress to reinstate the Federal Assault Weapons Ban; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

## INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. DEMINT (for himself and Mr. MARTINEZ):

S. 869. A bill to reform certain provisions of section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, to make compliance with that section more efficient, with the goal of maintaining United States capital market global competitiveness; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. ISAKSON:

S. 870. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the consolidated coverage of home infusion therapy under part B of the Medicare program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself, Mr. BUNNING, Mrs. LINCOLN, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. KERRY, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. WARNER):

S. 871. A bill to establish and provide for the treatment of Individual Development Accounts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. LINCOLN (for herself and Mr. COLEMAN):

S. 872. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the excise tax provisions and income tax credit for biodiesel; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER:

S. 873. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a tax incentive to individuals teaching in elementary and secondary schools located in rural or high unemployment areas and to individuals who achieve certification from the National

Board for Professional Teaching Standards, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BURR:

S. 874. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a financial assistance program to facilitate the provision of supportive services for very low-income veteran families in permanent housing, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. DORGAN (for himself and Mr. CRAIG):

S. 875. A bill to improve energy security of the United States through a 50 percent reduction in the oil intensity of the economy of the United States by 2030 and the prudent expansion of secure oil supplies, to be achieved by raising the fuel efficiency of the vehicular transportation fleet, increasing the availability of alternative fuel sources, fostering responsible oil exploration and production, and improving international arrangements to secure the global oil supply, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MARTINEZ:

S. 876. A bill to exclude from admission to the United States aliens who have made investments contributing to the enhancement of the ability of Cuba to develop its petroleum resources, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 877. A bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act to add human growth hormone to schedule III, to prohibit the sale of prescriptions for controlled substances for illegitimate purposes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. KOHL (for himself and Mr. SPECTER):

S. 878. A bill to prevent anti-competitive mergers and acquisitions in the oil and gas industry; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. KOHL (for himself, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. FEINGOLD, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. COBURN, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. BOXER, and Mr. LEVIN):

S. 879. A bill to amend the Sherman Act to make oil-producing and exporting cartels illegal; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. STEVENS (for himself, Mr. BYRD and Mr. INOUE):

S. 880. A bill to amend the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 to provide for 8 weeks of paid leave for Senate employees giving birth, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mrs. LINCOLN (for herself and Mr. SMITH):

S. 881. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Ms. MIKULSKI, and Mr. CASEY):

S. 882. A bill to require a pilot program on the facilitation of the transition of members of the Armed Forces to receipt of veterans health care benefits upon completion of military service, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mr. VOINOVICH):

S. 883. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to extend loan forgiveness for certain loans to Head Start teachers; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Mr. COLEMAN):

S. 884. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act regarding residential treatment